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AEC

1977 PLAXTON EXPRESS, 53 seater, semi-auto gearbox, Bristol dome, white/black exterior, autumn tint moquette. MoT 3.10.91. Stock No. 0006.

VOLVO

1983 VOLVO B10M Jonckheere P599, choice of 3, 49 recliners, Telma, coffee machine.

1980 VOLVO B58 Air/Leaf Dominant, 12 metre, 53 seats, 48 recliners, 5 fixed, automatic gearbox, power door, tinted windows, curtains, side lockers, MoT Dec 1990. Stock No. 0012

1980 VOLVO B58 11 metre, 51 seats, Alpha power door, Telma, white livery, red moquette and MoT Nov 90. Stock No. 0014.

1979 VOLVO B58 12 metre, 57 seats (re-moquetted), Alpha power door, side lockers, livery white and MoT Feb 91. Stock No. 0015.

MAN

1982 SR 280, 47 recliners, Sutrak air conditioning, 6 speed gearbox, o/s centre power door, o/s centre sunken toilet, driver's bunk, fridge, drinks machine, tinted double glazed windows, Rollo blinds, courier seat, Webasto and timer, seat back nets, headrest covers, wheel discs, driver's locker. Stock No. 0008

SCANIA

1986 Scania Berkhof Eclipse double deck, 76 seats, toilet, double glazed windows, Telma, coffee machine, livery maroon/white. MoT April 1991. Stock No. 0021

BEDFORD

1981 Bedford YNT 53 seater Plaxton, side lockers, autumn tint moquette, livery white/blue/yellow stripes. Reconditioned engine, new MoT Sept 1991. Stock No. M9014.

1980 Bedford PJK, 29 seater, Duple Dom, MoT 16.9.91. Stock No. 0007.

1979 Bedford YMT, 53 seater Plaxton, red/cream ext, red moq. Stock No. M9036.

LEYLAND

1982 Leyland Leopard 12 metre Dominant, 51 reclining seats, double glazed, Telma, radio/PA, Bristol dome. MoT Feb 1991. Stock No. 9033.

1982 Leyland Leopard 12 metre Plaxton, 49 seats, semi auto gearbox, toilet, coffee machine, side lockers, new MoT 16.08.91. Stock No. 0010.

1981 Leyland Leopard Duple Dominant, 53 seats, red moquette, livery white, new MoT 23.08.91. Stock No. M9012.

1981 Leyland 11 metre Plaxton, 53 (remoquetted), X'Press, side lockers, grey/red moquette, new MoT 29.08.91. Stock No. 9013.

1981 Leyland 12 metre Plaxton, 49 recliners, cream exterior, Autumn tint moquette, new MoT 29.09.91. Stock No. 9010.

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VOLVO 1988 B10M DUPLÉ 320 12M, 61 str., grey/red moquette, power entrance door, curtains, Webasto heating, white/duo red.

VOLVO 1986 B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M, 49 recliners, sunken toilet o/s rear, courier seat, curtains, fridge, water boiler, tinted side windows, beige/blue moquette, white + yellow/orange stripes.

VOLVO 1984 (AUGUST) B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M, 49 recliners, beige/red moquette, rear sunken toilet with continental door, driver's berth, courier seat, Webasto heating, TELMA retarder, drinks machine, curtains, tinted double glazing, power entrance door, wired/boxed for TV/video, silver/blue.

VOLVO 1982 B58 DUPLÉ DOMINANT IV 12M, 53 recliners, brown moquette, tinted double glazed side windows, curtains, TELMA retarder, air/leaf suspension, automatic chassis lubrication system, cream + brown/grey reliefs.

VOLVO 1981 B58 PLAXTON SUPREME 12M, 49 recliners, brown moquette, toilet at nearside rear, power entrance door, tinted side windows, curtains, white.

VOLVO 1981 B58 DUPLÉ DOMINANT II 12M, 48 recliners, red moquette, rear n/s saloon toilet, rear servery, curtains, all white.

VOLVO 1980 B58 DUPLÉ DOMINANT II 11M, 53 str., recently re-trimmed in autumn tint moquette, power entrance door, side lockers, Bristol dome, all white.

VOLVO 1979 (LATE) B58 PLAXTON SUPREME 12M, air/leaf suspension, automatic gearbox, TELMA retarder, 51 recliners, autumn tint moquette, power entrance door, side lockers, all white.

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LEYLAND 1987 TIGER 260 DUPLÉ 320 12M, 50 recliners, grey moquette, power door, courier seat, toilet, servery, suspension raise system, all white.

LEYLAND 1985 TIGER 245 PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M, 51 str., autumn tint moquette, (46 reclining + 5 fixed at rear), power operated entrance door, TELMA retarder, courier seat, curtains, continental door, provision for driver's berth, all white.

LEYLAND 1984 TIGER 245 PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M, 50 recliners, courier, power entrance door, double glazing, brown stripe moquette, all white.

LEYLAND 1982 TIGER 245 PLAXTON VIEWMASTER 12M, 49 recliners, green moquette, rear sunken toilet, continental door, double glazing, Webasto heating, driver's berth, aircraft style lockers to luggage racks, water boiler, fridge, TV. + video wiring, cream/green.

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FORD 1984 R1115 DUPLÉ DOMINANT IV, 53 str., power operated entrance door, tinted side windows, curtains, side lockers, autumn tint moquette, white.

BOVA 1984 EUROPA III Integral 12M, 49 str., beige/fawn/orange stripe moquette, centre sunken o/s toilet, continental door, wired for two TV. monitors + video, drinks machine, Webasto heating, courier seat, carpets, power door, all white.

BOVA 1983 EUROPA II Integral 12M, 49 str., (44 recliners + 5 fixed), red moquette, power door, courier seat, curtains, toilet, continental door, TELMA, Webasto, driver's fan, all white.

BOVA 1982 EUROPA II Integral 12M, 52 recliners, red moquette, courier seat, curtains, power entrance door, cream/orange.

DAF 1984 SB2300 DHS JONCKHEERE JUBILEE P50 12M, 49 recliners, grey/blue moquette, toilet, water boiler, fridge, wired for TV. + video, white/duo blue.

DAF 1983 (NOVEMBER) DKFL JONCKHEERE JUBILEE P50 12M, 49 recliners, blue moquette, power door, o/s rear sunken toilet with continental door, double glazed tinted windows, Tempo 100, wired TV/video, Telma retarder, drinks machine, magazine nets, all white.

DAF 1983 DKFL PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3200 12M, 51 recliners, autumn tint moquette, power door, double glazing, curtains, courier seat, continental door, Webasto, Telma retarder, white/green/black.

DAF 1983 DKFL VAN HOOL ALIZEE-H 12M, 48 recliners, Autumn tint moquette, rear floor mounted toilet, continental entrance door, white/grey/red.

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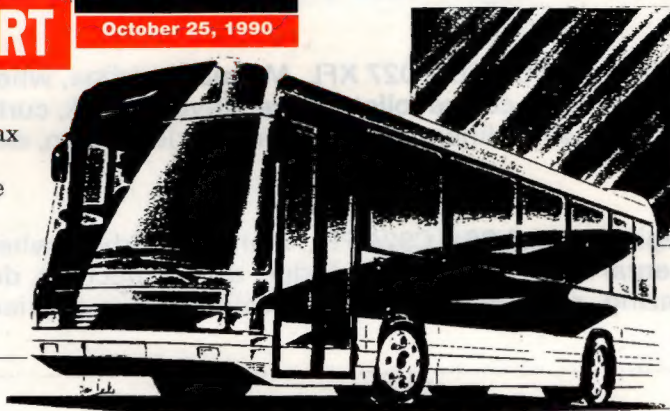
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COMMENT

IT'S always been in your interest to cultivate good relationships with the staff at your local testing station. But the need for mutual goodwill has been emphasised now that the Vehicle Inspectorate is an executive agency and each of its 91 stations must meet budget targets.

Although real competition does not exist, there is no doubt that your friendly test centre needs your business. This change can only be in the interests of the coach industry. The emphasis is on service - and service with a smile at that.

VI manager Peter Harper showed the way when he recently held an open day at his Swynnerton station near Stoke-on-Trent. Sadly very few (two) coach operators either knew about the event or were able to attend. Even then these visitors had significant other transport interests, and the small coach operators who really need help and guidance were conspicuous by their absence.

Anything which makes your life easier needs support. Equally if it contributes to public safety, then it must be encouraged.

Voluntary brake testing at local VI stations is just one low cost service available to operators without sophisticated facilities of their own. The VI training centre next to its Bristol headquarters runs successful courses with the main emphasis on vehicle inspection techniques.

All these initiatives contribute to a very positive benefit - the avoidance of those troublesome, potentially disastrous, prohibition notices.

GO-AHEAD Nottinghamshire Coach Operators' Association deserves a pat on the back for negotiating a range of written-down allowances for its members.

The Inland Revenue has already reached a national agreement with the Road Haulage Association, and is obviously willing to talk to others. So why hasn't the Bus and Coach Council sat down with it?

Whatever the reason, drivers' expenses have for some time been swept under the taxation carpet. And if this agreement leads to NCOA members getting preferential treatment, good luck to them and their officers for putting in the donkeywork.

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1985 LEYLAND TIGER 245 DUPLÉ CARIBBEAN II, 48 recliners plus courier, toilet, double glazed windows, curtains, seat back tables, power door, drinks, fridge, twin fuel tanks, Eberspacher and driver bunk, MoT 21.3.91. Stock No. M011 **£37,500**

1985 SCANIA K112 JONCKHEERE P50, 49/51/53 recliners, o/s sunken toilet, o/s centre continental door, driver's bunk, tinted windows, rollo blinds, MoT 1991. Choice of three. Stock Nos. M104, M105 & M106. **£41,500**

1984 SCANIA K112 JONCKHEERE P50, 49 recliners, o/s sunken toilet, o/s centre continental door, driver's bunk, tinted windows, rollo blinds, MoT 1991. Stock No. M102. **£46,500**

1983 DAF MB200 DKFL PLAXTON 3200 EXPRESS, 53 seats, ZF automatic gearbox, PA, MoT 30/3/91. Choice of 4. Stock No. M006 **£33,000**

1977 FORD R1114 PLAXTON, 53 seats (Ford re-conditioned engine) power door, MoT 11.05.91. Stock No. M010. **£3,500**

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BRIEFS

● **LUTON & District's** takeover of Watford-based London Country North West doubles its size to 600 vehicles and adds Green Line coaches to the employee owned company.

LCNW will be re-organised under the temporary guidance of L&D chairman John Hargreaves who is acting as general manager. It is anticipated that the successful L&D formula of autonomous depot units reporting direct to the managing director will be introduced. However, it's business as usual for the time being.

● **JONES Motors of Ynysbwl** - the firm run by Clayton Jones' wife Alison - has been blasted by Mid Glamorgan County Council for withdrawing a new bus service before it has even started.

The firm had planned to run a half-hourly service in the area and gave the statutory six weeks' notice to the South Wales Traffic Area, but it withdrew from the route before the service started.

● **SCOTTISH Citylink** has signed up Shaw Hadwin for its popular Aberdeen-Manchester route, previously run by an SBG operator.

Shaw Hadwin supplied many Ulster duplicates and others this summer, but it is the first time the firm has been contracted to Citylink. The route uses two vehicles.

● **LEICESTER CityBus** has ordered six Dennis Falcons with East Lancs bodywork to add to its fleet of 216 vehicles. The municipal operator is getting the single-decks financed through Plaxton's Roadlease, and they are due for delivery in mid-December. LCB is committed to using Dennis, but says current fleet shows how reliable they are.

EMPLOYMENT

Pioneering tax deal for operators is agreed

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Coach Operators' Association is believed to be the first group in the country to have negotiated a package of taxable allowances for its members.

Talks with the tax office have produced a deal for several new written-down driver allowances, including an entertainment allowance to help

provide for socialising with customers. Overnight meals, cleaning materials, maps and guide books, and uniform cleaning can all be claimed by NCOA members.

'We believe this is the first time a group of operators has reached agreement for these allowances with the Inland Revenue,' said a NCOA

spokesman. 'Our members will not need vouchers to pay these allowances.'

'They complete a simple return notifying the county tax inspector of the total number of drivers to benefit and the total sum paid. There are fixed maximums within each area.'

The Road Haulage Association already

has a similar agreement with Inland Revenue, but as yet coach operator representatives have not made a national agreement.

● *Should the BCC be negotiating a national allowance agreement with the taxman? What does your business claim for? Let us know by writing to or Faxing our letters page.*

TAKEOVER

More changes at Shearings

THE Shearings group of companies is to be reintegrated following Rank's takeover of former parent company Mecca - and is being re-organised under a new managing director.

Coach and bus operating arm Shearings Coach and Bus, Britain's largest coach operator with a fleet of over 600 buses and coaches, is to be merged with Shearings Holidays and Hotels.

Former Mecca subsidiary Warner Holidays' managing director John Slatcher has been moved in to head the re-formed company. The two sides of the business were split by Mecca when it took over the business from Pleasurama last



Ian Longworth

summer.

Shearings was tight-lipped about the management changes, but marketing director Robert McKenzie said there would be an official announcement next week.



John Gerry

It is not certain what will happen to Shearings Coach and Bus managing director Ian Longworth or divisional managing director for Mecca Leisure Holidays John Gerry in the reshuffle.

BUS SERVICES

Transport goal is a step nearer

GREATER Manchester is getting nearer to the Passenger Transport Authority's goal of county-wide accessible public transport.

New ring and ride Localine services are being introduced in Bury and Stockport after their success in Wythenshawe - along with the use of taxis to supplement the services following a successful experiment in Bury.

However the PTA noted observations transport for people with disabilities should be 'non labelled', and that it would be necessary to improve the accessibility of conventional buses and trains. The new light rail system, Metrolink, will be fully accessible.

TAKEOVER

Noton denies sale rumours

A TRADE press story that National Welsh is to be sold to Stagecoach was this week flatly denied by the firm's managing director Brian Noton.

'You can take a look at a number of allegations and the dates in previous stories and then relate them to what has happened,' Mr Noton told *Coachmart*.

'All of our options are still open. We are not committed to any deal, or making one,' he said, backing the statement made by the firm's financial advisors three weeks ago.

● **SMALLER** operations in South Wales have been expansive in recent weeks, taking up slack left by the sale of parts of the National Welsh operation and the reduction in services.

Pontypridd services run by Clayton Jones' wife Alison under Shamrock Travel's Shoppa name are to be bumped up to an extra 35 percent of mileage.

■ ANNUAL REPORT

Southern Vectis' profits soar

SOUTHERN Vectis has announced turnover and gross profits up by almost 10 percent on last year, with assets up from £3.5 million to £3.9 million.

The Isle of Wight-based former NBC operator owned by management and staff has shown consistent growth since 1988, to leave it with an £11.5 million turnover last financial year and £0.92 million gross profit.

Contributing to the profit line have been Southern Vectis Omnibus, Southampton bus operation Musterphantom trading as Solent Blue Line, Fountain Coaches, package tour operator Vikki Osborne (IW) Holidays, and the newly-formed Southern Vectis Commercial which is now an Iveco service dealership.

Managing director Gary Batchelor has told the 280 employee shareholders and 130 public shareholders that the company will invest a further £1 million in new vehicles this year.

When *Coachmart* went to press, no-one at Southern Vectis was available for comment.

■ EMPLOYMENT

Jobs go at Metroline

LONDON Buses subsidiary Metroline Travel Ltd has cut up to 40 engineering staff following the loss of London Regional Transport routes in Harrow. Most Cricklewood Garage engineering, administration and management transfers to Edgware, but reorganisation will mean staff losses at its four garages.

Metroline managing director Declan O'Farrell said: 'Since 1986 a considerable amount of work has been lost from

all Metroline's garages, culminating in the recent decision on the Harrow area routes.

'Efforts to replace the losses with new business have had only limited success and with no significant tendering opportunities in the next 18 months we must take action to deal with the 25 percent spare capacity we will shortly have.'

The 100 bus Harrow operation is severely pruned with a stop on driver recruitment as routes and vehicles are reallocated.

■ PRIVATISATION

Doubts raised over WMT's Travelcard plans

INDEPENDENT operators doubt whether West Midlands Travel will relinquish its monopoly of its Travelcard system - although the company has promised the scheme will be opened to all operators when it is privatised early next year.

Hereford operator Ron Whittle said: 'The Travelcard represents a major marketing tool passengers can only use on WMT services, who run about 90

percent of all local bus services in the area. If other operators are allowed to accept the card, this would result in a large revenue loss. I also estimate it would affect the sale price by between £15 million and £20 million.' A sale price of £60 million, 'in principle', has already been agreed by West Midlands PTA.

New chairman and chief executive James Isaac will oversee the first ever 100 percent employee buyout.

■ NEW BUS



The new Optare 10-metre MAN chassis Delta: will be popular with operators.

New Optare vehicle due out next February

OPTARE's new 10-metre MAN chassis Delta is ready to roll by February '91 following its 'paper launch' at this week's Expo Coach 90 show.

The city bus on the 11.180 fills a gap left by some demised 45-seaters, such as short Leyland and Bristol products, and follows in the tyre tracks of the 12-metre DAF SB220 chassis Delta, in service with 30 operators here and abroad. The

MetroRider by Optare offers 33 seats.

The vehicle will be first choice for many operators who want to standardise on body parts and running gear, built on the same Alusuisse body system as its larger sister. The chassis is popular in Europe, where 800 MAN 11.180 chassis have been sold.

The DiPTAC equipment will be standard on the new MAN Delta, with

optional door configurations available. The vehicle uses the ZF 4HP500 automatic transmission with integral retarder, air suspension, and large-capacity fuel tank.

The vehicle will be Optare's European contender within the United Bus group, of which it is part. The company promises a full range of vehicles, including double-decks, by mid '91.

■ NEW VEHICLE

Tri-axle prototype is revealed

CITY Vehicle Engineering has unveiled a prototype tri-axle Omni which can take 29 seats.

The vehicle - shown at the Institute of Road Transport Engineers show in Scotland last week - is

a stretched version of the 23-seater, with the new wheels suspended on trailing arms and supported by airbags.

It is a metre longer than its little sister, but the prototype uses the same 2.5 litre turbo Land Rover engine.

CVE commercial director Grant Lockhart said continuing development of the Omni may see a more powerful engine installed. He added that the vehicle is still very much a prototype.



Tri-axle Omni: made appearance at Institute of Road Transport Engineers show.

■ FIXTURES

CTC trip is a record breaker

THE Coach Tourism Council's record-breaking 1,000-passenger coach trip to Nottingham last week attracted national TV and newspaper coverage.

The promotional event in which 20 operators sent coachloads of potential customers and local press to a cavalcade around Nottingham's attractions is set to be included in the Guinness Book of Records as the largest single coach excursion ever organised.

'The Coaching for Pleasure Day has been chiefly for the consumer,' said CTC founder Gerry Topiol, of tour wholesalers Groupways Leisure. 'But we have been astounded at the amount of press interest it has generated.'

The CTC members participating had donated top-quality vehicles for the day free of charge, carrying representatives from charity groups, schools and local newspapers to show them what the coach industry could offer.



Coaching for Pleasure: 20 operators ran trips to Nottingham.

The vehicles were arranged in a V formation in the grounds of Wollaton Hall, and a 60-foot hydraulic platform used by the Press to look down on the 1,000 day trippers and coaches. The platform had to be sent up three times so every photographer got pictures.

The resulting publicity included pictures in the Guardian, in local newspapers, and news items on lunchtime and evening local TV programmes. Passengers

toured city centre sights and the county's attractions during the day, then converged on the Theatre Royal in Nottingham for a presentation explaining how the industry can help them.

'It is quite remarkable that this day has happened at all,' said Mr Topiol. 'It is a credit to CTC members and the Nottingham

Tourist Office for their help in ensuring everything went smoothly.'

Mr Topiol said the CTC has planned to make Coaching for Pleasure an annual event and implored operators to join in: 'You can see how an event like this can show coaching in its best light. The only question I'd like to ask other operators is 'Where were you?' Our members have spent their own money promoting the whole industry. Ideally, I'd like

to see double the number of coaches next year.'

Among operators sending vehicles were: Maybury, of London; Shaws, of Maxey; Johnsons, of Henley in Arden; Robinsons, of Stewkley; Fargo, of Essex; Motts, of Aylesbury; Coach Europe; Rossendale, of Lancashire; David Palmer, of West Yorkshire; Ivy Coaches, of West Yorkshire; Grays, of Barnsley; P. Stoddard; Happy Days; Jones Holiday Tours, of Clwyd; Viking, of Burton-on-Trent; Esprit Travel, of Cheshire; Yorkshire Traction; Eavesway; Bakers, of Biddulph; and Startos, of Newtown, Wales.

● The Coach Tourism Council was set up last year to promote coaching to the general public through media campaigns. All of its finances are spent on this aim. *Details of the CTC are from: The Secretary, Coach Tourism Council, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough PE1 1DS.*

■ BRIEFS

● SURREY County Council is hoping to reduce its 8,000 deaths a year road statistic with road calming, new layouts at accident blackspots, and traffic education at schools.

● BRIGHTON & Hove's bus drivers are learning French and German - to help them cope with the huge influx of foreign language students every year.

After surveying its 700 employees, the company is to provide them with voluntary language courses - with the assistance of a grant for the Training Agency.

● A LEAFLET explaining new warning sign regulations for hazardous substances in the workshop has been produced by the Health and Safety Executive. The new legislation came into force in September, and operators have until March 1 1993 to comply.

Get copies from HSE library and information departments in Sheffield, Bootle in Merseyside, and from Westbourne Grove in London.

● METER bays in London's Park Lane (northbound) have been cancelled to provide better set-down and pick-up bays for operators.

And to ease congestion, the Royal Parks have agreed to allow operators to use North Carriage Road in Hyde Park as a through route until 8 pm each evening, until December 29. They have warned that abuse of this new set-down/pick-up facility will lead to its early closure.

● AUTOBUS RAI '90 attracted almost 11,000 visitors to the International Exhibition Centre in Amsterdam last month, the final figures reveal.

During the four-day exhibition, 65 percent of the standholders were from Holland. Visitors included a large proportion from Eastern Europe. Next Autobus RAI event is in

■ PEOPLE

John Owen is new BCC president

THE managing director of authority-owned Thamesdown Transport is to succeed Alan Westwell as president of the Bus and Coach Council.

John Owen takes over in the normal rotational system of the BCC, having spent several years as chairman of section B of the BCC, and one of the three vice-presidents.

Mr Owen (43) has a



John Owen: interested in coach industry.

keen interest in the coach industry, something he is keen to emphasise to BCC members worried about the bus influences in the organisation.

He started his PSV career at Southampton City Transport, has been manager of public transport at Swindon council, and serves on the national council of the Chartered Institute of Transport. His

hobbies include cricket, in which he is a qualified national coach and plays to county league standard. He is married with three children.

● What are John Owen's views of the industry, and what is the future? Does he think the BCC has become out of touch with coaching? Find out in *Coachmart* next week when we present an exclusive interview.

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■ LONDON PARKING

More talks on London parking

MINISTER for Public Transport Roger Freeman has called another troubleshooting meeting for London coach operators.

Mr Freeman listened to operators' parking problems during a recent coach trip round the capital and followed the tour with the promise of a meeting to discuss the issue of London tourist coaches on October 16.

London boroughs, the London Tourist Board, coach operators and others got to last week's meeting with Mr Freeman... and operators were lent a sympathetic ear.

'It was quite constructive,' said coaching representative Paul Cowell, of the London Tourist Coach Operators' Association. 'Coaching representatives kept

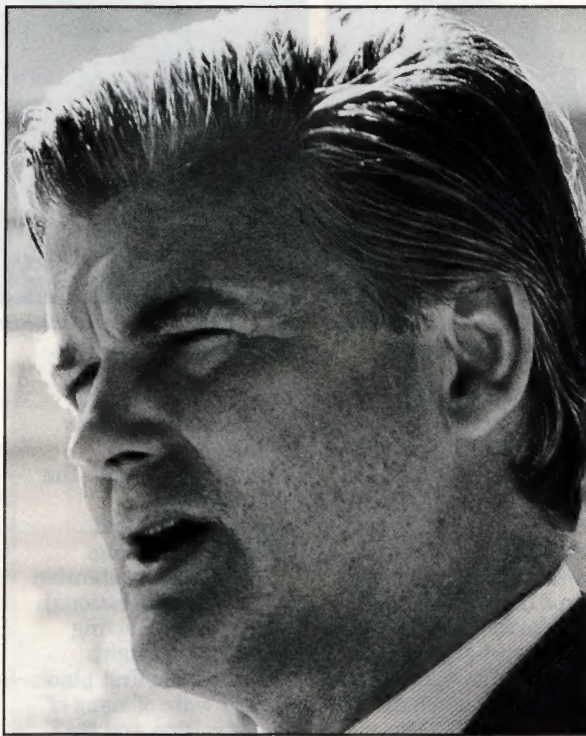
reasonably quiet having already given their views to the Minister on the earlier meeting.'

Mr Cowell said one borough representative claimed his council did not want to see a single coach on the streets, a view which was strongly questioned by the Minister who pointed out that the borough's museums and hotels relied upon coaches for valuable income.

'At last we get the feeling that things are starting to move,' said Mr Cowell. 'The result is another meeting with a smaller forum late this year or early next year.'

Mr Cowell said six major issues will be under discussion. They are:

- Extra parking facilities at the Changing of the Guard, and new times for the



Roger Freeman: listened sympathetically to operators.

ceremony:

- Changes in opening and closing time for the Tower of London;
- Adding height to Hyde Park underground car park so that it can take coaches;
- A revised BCC Code of Conduct to take into account night parking on embankment coach parking bays;
- Improved sales of Changing of the Guard parking permits allowing them to be obtained on the day;
- A residential area coach card scheme similar to that used in Westminster.

The Minister's meeting has been supplemented by a meeting between the London Tourist Board, LTCOA and BCC at the end of this month to find common ground for a sustained joint campaign.

■ LEGAL

EC brake ruling will force up prices

ANTI-LOCK braking will be standard on all full-sized coaches and some buses made after 1991... and will push prices up by around £3,000.

Both PSVs and HGVs over 12 tonnes will be affected by new legislation which is in line with EC directives. It will apply to 'inter-urban and long distance touring coaches,' says the Department of Transport.

'Anti-lock braking is a great step forward in the field of vehicle safety,' said Christopher Chope, Minister for Roads and Traffic. 'It will mean

better stability and braking on articulated vehicles, trailer combinations and long-distance buses and coaches.'

A spokesman for VL said both Volvo and Leyland were geared up for the change. Anti-lock braking is available as an option on all current chassis to which the legislation applies, including the Olympian.

'At the moment, the optional system costs around £2,750, but if it were being fitted as standard, that price may come down slightly,' he added.

■ DIESEL WATCH

Surcharges are introduced in NE

NORTH eastern operators have successfully negotiated fuel surcharges with local authorities - and now pump prices are set to go down as the international price of refined diesel drops.

Northumberland County Council is currently reaching agreement with operators running tendered contracts and many other local authorities are following suit.

Lack of controversy over the deals is thought to stem from the fact that large operators, such as Go Ahead Northern, Northumbria Bus and Busways increased their fares at the start of the crisis.

BCC regional chairman Les Annis, who operates nine vehicles from his A Line company's Sunderland base, said: 'We've applied to Gateshead council and expect increases of between 3.5

and 4 percent on our total contract prices - which only just covers the diesel price increases.'

Meanwhile BP's pump prices are still the same, holding at £2.09 per gallon. But the international price is dropping once more as supply returns to pre-crisis levels. The Rotterdam spot price is \$294/tonne.*

* (Figures quoted October 19).

■ MAINTENANCE

System will save money

A FIXED-COST contract maintenance system which has been developed by Derbyshire-based Ainscough Engineering is claimed to cut up to 16 percent of costs in normal operating conditions.

Offering cash flow planning advantages, the contracts are based on vehicle type, age and operating conditions and are charged on a pence-per-mile basis. Even special tool costs are taken into account, says Ainscough.

Details are from Ainscough on 0629 583326.

■ COACH

London Coaches picks Webasto



London Coaches: DAF SB300 Van Hool coaches are air conditioned.

LONDON Coaches has opted for Webasto air conditioning systems in its five DAF SB300 Van Hool coaches. The cooling systems are new to the UK, and were fitted by Webasto at its new Doncaster site.

Webasto says it is

expecting an upsurge in fitment of air conditioning as operators recognise the benefits, even in cold weather. The company has fitted air conditioning to European trucks and coaches for the past 25 years.

EMPLOYMENT

Survey criticises employers

A NATIONAL survey showed that employers have no idea of recruitment costs, there is no positive vetting of application forms and allocation of coaches to drivers is a major issue, says Bus and Coach Training.

BCC East Midlands members received advice on recruitment and, more important, retention of staff at their October meeting

Welcomed by Trent Buses managing director Brian King, Anne Miles of Bus and Coach Training Ltd announced BCT's investigation into driver retention and a major initiative providing a career path for drivers through the development of National Vocational Qualifications.

Anne Miles dealt



Anne Miles: announced major initiative.

constructively with the central staffing problems without getting involved in the issue of pay, although one questioner observed at the end of the meeting: 'How do you motivate somebody on £117 per week?'

She advised: 'Know what sort of person is required so that you get the right person for the job.' A John Cleese video



BCC East Midlands members: heard about recruitment problems.

effectively dealt with overcoming interview pitfalls by good planning, care with the interviewing circumstances and skilful questioning.

Tips on staff retention centred on professional management having recruited the right person in the first place, being aware of signs of demotivation and staff

communication.

Peter Rogers suggested that demotivation resulted from failure to meet expectations through the lack of a career structure for drivers. Anne Miles fully agreed that satisfaction was as important as pay or other factors.

John Lloyd, East Midlands BCC regional secretary, told the meeting that when he ran Viking Coaches he held regular meetings with drivers to promote job satisfaction.

PEOPLE

Tom Gibson is ADT chairman



ADT Auctions has appointed a new chairman. Tom Gibson takes over at the firm - which has this year entered the PSV market - but will continue as chief executive of the £1.6 billion turnover company.

PEOPLE

Carlson retires from Scania



IN a major shake-up of senior staff, Scania's vice president of marketing for Europe and North America, Carl-Axel Carlson, has retired and been replaced by Scania GB's managing director Anders Astrom (pictured).

Mr Astrom's seat is filled by Renault UK managing director Dieter Merz - formerly from Saab.

PEOPLE

Renault in £2 million buyout

READING Transport is planning to sell its Reading Transport Commercial servicing operation to Renault Truck Industries.

The £2 million deal will see its seven engineering and administrative staff staying at the Bennett Road site but RT retaining its body shop and bus operation at Basingstoke Road until they join the Mill Lane staff in a move to move to a new depot at Great Knolly Street.

Reading Transport has promoted its



personnel officer Jackie Browlee (above) to employee relations manager to oversee a new staff magazine and liaison from customer to management level. She is currently assessing the views of employees on the new depot being built at Great Knolly's Street in Reading.

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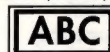
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BRIEFS

● BUSES and coaches can help cut traffic congestion and pollution - and the Bus and Coach Council is launching an initiative to wake up central and local government to the fact.

Called 'Buses mean business', the BCC initiative will be launched by a seminar in London on November 1 with an invited audience of transport experts.

● THE next meeting to monitor the Certificate of Professional Competence examination papers, and discuss other relevant issues, will be held at Wulfrun College in Wolverhampton on Saturday December 15.

A guest speaker will be attending and the meeting, which will go through October and December's CPC examination papers, will report back to the examination board, the Royal Society of Arts. Places cost £57.50 and include lunch and coffee breaks.

Further information from Mr P R Maynard, Friendberry Ltd on 0984 56310.

● WE HAVE been asked to point out that NBC (Leisure) Ltd is an operating arm of Northern Bus Company Ltd, not the parent company as stated in our story in *Coachmart* 609, October 11.

● HERTFORDSHIRE operator Sovereign Bus and Coach has moved offices to Stevenage. The company, which incorporates Herts Rider, Stevenage Bus and Green Line, is now at Babbage Road, Stevenage.

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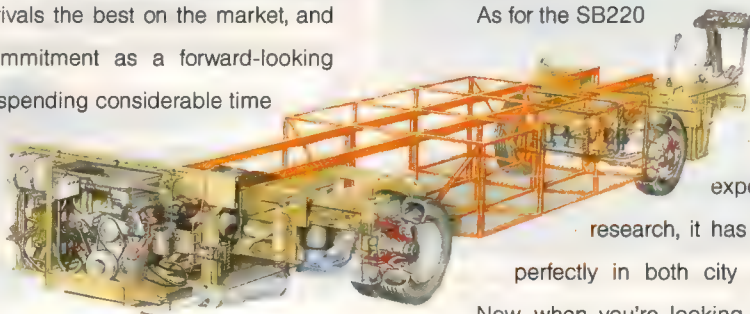
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The price was right for Leons

A FOURTH new coach this year for Leons Coach Travel (Stafford) is this Volvo B10M with Plaxton 3500 bodywork.

Andrew Douglas, son of managing director Leon Douglas, is seen at the wheel before livery modification and application of fleet name.

The latest coach seats 49 and uses the company's orange/white/red colours in the style first used by the Plaxton group at the 1989 BCC show. Both front and rear will have an additional application of white.

Vehicles acquired earlier include a Volvo/Ikarus painted in the same style, but with red on the front and orange at the rear. The two Volvos together with two Scania's (bodied by Plaxton and Duple) have been purchased to take advantage of favourable new coach prices - 1991 buying decisions having been brought forward. Leon Douglas told *Coachmart*: 'I have bought for '91 at '89 prices.'

Leons operates 25 coaches on a variety of work including

its own UK tours, schools trips abroad and holidays for travel agents. Its operating base in Stafford has become

increasingly crowded, consequently, a move three miles to a new garage in Seighford is planned for

November, leaving maintenance and administration on the existing site.



Decker rides into Horseman



REPLACING a Van Hool Astromega, this 74 seat Plaxton 4000/DAF double decker has been added to the 72 vehicle fleet of Horseman Travel, of Reading.

Managing director Keith Horseman explained his reasons for running such a high capacity coach: 'It's not for the shuttle market because that tests man and machine to the limit. Until tour operators pay the right price we can make a better return in other aspects of coaching that don't get a bad press.'

'The decker serves a private hire need which exists (though the market is not at all buoyant).' He further described the vehicle as a flagship capable of consolidating weekend breaks and excursions.

The timing of Horseman's purchase was triggered by perceived price advantage. Mr Horseman believes new vehicle costs will escalate when coach operators can no longer delay investment and existing stocks become exhausted.



Volvo is 'Taylor made'

BASIL Taylor, managing director of Taylors of Sutton Scotney Ltd, has collected a new Volvo B10MGL from Arthur Humphries of Jonckheere UK.

The Jonckheere Deauville bodywork features 51 Vogel 3000 recliners, double glazing, Blaupunkt radio/PA/cassette, courier seat, rear demountable sunken toilet, carpets, full draw curtains, TV/video, Vogel drinks machine.

It represents a repeat order for Jonckheere after last year's delivery of Deauville on DAF 3000.

Pictured are Arthur Humphries (left), Basil Taylor (centre) and Taylors' company secretary Frank Slogget.

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ONE of two new Volvo B10M coaches with Ikarus coachwork for Marshall's Coaches, of Leighton Buzzard, emerges from Plaxton Sales' Anston paintshop.

Upon delivery, computer produced lettering will be applied using overlays in orange/black/white on the blue livery. Mosaic Graphics, of Oxford, supplies graphics for two vehicles at £340, which is cheaper and faster to apply than traditional signwriting.

Pictured is a 3.58 metre high 53 seat coach with double glazing - the other features 53/49 recliners, double glazing, coffee machine and video. Both have been taken as part of Marshall's increasing standardisation on Volvo chassis.

One double deck coach (one of three Scania's owned) is being part-exchanged against the two Volvos to compensate for the loss of a seriously damaged contract motor. With only 10 coaches available, proprietor Fred Marshall said: 'We are short of a coach nearly every day. Work just hasn't dried up. Up to mid-November every weekend is booked.'

Such an optimistic outlook

Talbot goes to Tyneside



WILSONS Minicoach Hire, of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, has taken delivery of a Talbot Express 14 seat luxury PSV minicoach incorporating Kustombuilt seating.

Additional features include bronze tinted windows, air conditioning and full soft interior trim. This vehicle completes a full complement of M-2-M vehicles used on general private hire work.



Marshall's chooses Volvo

follows a bold change of strategy early this year. Said Mr Marshall: 'After reducing by four motors in January and putting rates up 30 percent we lost 25 percent of enquiries. Consequently we have turned over more money with less vehicles, which are

worked harder.'

The Bedfordshire company has successfully imposed a five percent fuel surcharge, but it's not only rates that received attention. Taking advantage of reduced competition in the area, Mr Marshall admitted: 'We decided to spend more on

vehicles and drivers to keep both market and reasonable prices.'

Higher than average wage rates are paid to improve driver recruitment and retention: 'After advertising for drivers we interviewed 15 to get one,' he explained.

Perry picks Paramount



J S PERRY & Son ordered its first rear engine Scania K93 Plaxton 3200 low driver Plaxton Paramount coach from the Scarborough coach builder through dealer Stuart Johnson.

Finished in cream, red and orange livery, the coach joins eleven other vehicles in Perry's fleet based at Slingsby near York. It will be used alongside the company's earlier 1990 delivery, a Paramount 3200 bodied

Volvo B10M on its 1991 British and continental tour programme.

General manager David Perry said: 'The rear engine concept was of particular interest to me because of its large luggage space capacity and its styling with the low driver version.'

Plaxton's one star specification is enhanced by 53 Remax seats, double glazing and Blaupunkt radio/PA/cassette system.

Bonding – or is it bondage?



UNLESS I am very much mistaken, the tentacles of the £29 million crash of

Exchange Travel will eventually stretch out and touch virtually every coach operator in the land.

On reading this some operators may have already jumped to the conclusion that, as they are not travel agents or never run tours which are sold to the public on an individual basis, what follows is of no interest to them.

I fear that they could not be more wrong!

Media commentators, including *Coachmart* (October 11 issue) have rightly suggested that the Exchange crash will increase pressure for the EEC Directive on package holidays to be implemented.

What has not been pointed out is the definition of what, and who, will require bonding.

Unless the draft directive is considerably watered down, the scope is far wider than might generally be imagined.

Article 2 defines a package as a pre-arranged combination of two or more of the following three items: (1) Transport, (2) Accommodation and (3) Any other services ancillary to transport or accommodation.

Indubitably the third group would embrace any admission charge to a place of interest or entertainment as well as any meal which was sold as part of a package.

This seems to draw just about every operator who runs an excursion programme into the proposed net of bonding. For a theatre excursion or an inclusive day trip to Alton Towers would represent a package of the foregoing items 1 and 3.

Is escape at hand to those whose coaching activities are limited to contracts and private hire? Sorry, the proposals are that the person who assembles the package, 'the organiser,' must be bonded. (Note that the word organiser does not, in this context, enjoy the meaning which we in coaching normally give it - the directive is referring to the organiser of the packaging, not the assembling



Tour operators: will be affected by EEC Directive.

of the passengers).

Thus the hirer who says 'Will you book the group in for lunch?' the enquiry that starts, 'I want to take a group to see 'Aspects of Love' can you arrange the tickets?', or the quote, 'To arrange a London weekend for 50 people', all portend a need for bonding of the operator.

It looks as if this EEC directive will embrace every coach operator.

Although I am not an expert on EEC law, it seems clear that the possible loop-hole of letting the hirer pay the hotel/ticket/meal bill and coach hire accounts separately has already been blocked.

Remember, bonding is about protecting the end consumer and the preamble to the directive is unequivocal: 'The consumer should have the benefit of protection irrespective of whether he is a direct contracting party or a member of a group on whose behalf another person has concluded a package travel contract.'

It therefore looks as if implementation of this EEC directive will embrace every operator - for there can be few, if any, who never package something with coach hire - either to sell themselves, or for a hirer to sell to a group.

For those unfamiliar with bonding, in the briefest terms it involves the giving to a regulatory body a guarantee that, in the event of financial disaster, clients will either get

services for which they have pre-paid - or their money back in full.

This guarantee will normally only be acceptable when given by a bank or an insurance company who, having examined the accounts of the organisation wanting to be bonded, are prepared to put their money where their mouth is.

When it is done by one's bank the effect may be to regard the bond amount as part of any overdraft limit.

It may thus curtail any other borrowing, and there will, of course, be a fee.

Doing it through an insurance company may well have the advantage of leaving bank borrowing limits intact, but, generally, the premium to 'buy' a bond will be far higher than the equivalent fee to a bank.

At present in the coach and travel industry I can only think of three kinds of bonding. Firstly there is that of ABTA, so well known that it needs no description other than to say that it is based on turnover of concerns who sell nothing but supplies which require bonding.

The Bus & Coach Council's scheme, Bonded Coach Holidays, is similar but the level of bonding is based on that level of projected turnover which pertains only to the operation of a tour programme.

In other words it takes cognisance of the fact that coach operators do things other than package tours and limits the scope (and cost) of the bond to only the relevant, and defined, part of their operation.

The requirement of certain

tendering authorities for operators to provide a bond as a condition of operating tendered bus services is the third bonding area applicable to our industry.

Here too, the bond is related to only the value of the contracts - not the operator's gross turnover.

The common thread throughout these three areas is the ability to quantify the value of the packages which require bonding.

It can be seen that the inclusion of *ad hoc* excursions and private hires into a need for bonding straightway presents a problem of determining what sum, at any given time, the bond has to guarantee in order to safeguard the interests of the end consumer.

This point is not novel. Indeed it was addressed by BCC five or six years ago and, as a result, Chapman Stevens offered a facility to bond individual departures. But it was so little used that it was withdrawn.

As I remember it, there were two problems: firstly, not only was it expensive because it was insurance based, its costs were compounded by the impracticability of assessing an operator's stability by inspection of accounts when insuring just odd departures.

Secondly, had price had not been a barrier, the fact that it was optional and unpublicised made it unsaleable.

Can you imagine saying to a customer, 'Would your party like to pay an extra £4.50 each on top of the price of this tour which will guarantee them their money back if we go bust?'

Yet to simply build in a premium of this magnitude without explaining what it was for risked killing the sale.

Implementation of the EEC proposals may remove the second obstacle and, indeed, create the 'flat pitch' for competition alluded to by Siesta in their comments to *Coachmart*.

But the problem of bonding an indeterminate sized diary of inclusive excursion tours and private hires remains.

So important is this matter that I will return to it next week.



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Mealstop need not remind operators that the object of the exercise is to promote your business, so don't let your driver Sam - the bloke with the 12 stone beer belly and sweat-stained shirt - try to muscle in on the picture, even if he does offer to strip down to swimming trunks to make the picture look 'summery'.

Tony Hedley is on 0246 279976.

● SOME nice little bargains are on offer from the Department of Transport in this month's sale.

The DTP's lively little team has got together to produce a giant map: 'A new edition of the DTP's colour map

showing the development of England's motorway and trunk road network,' explains the DTP.

Then it reveals the shocking news that this work or art is 'entitled 'Development of the Trunk Road Network'... Never let it be said that those boys can't think of a snappy name.

Price of this exquisite document? A fiver, including a bonus London map measuring 6in by 7in. Form an orderly queue please...

● SCOTTISH operators are mystified by the appearance of a Mr William Hewitt on the PSV scene in Renfrew.

Entrepreneurial Mr Hewitt appears in the O-licence application list, in which it is logged that he wants an 18 vehicle standard national licence to use trading as Goldline Travel.

Local gurus have been head-scratching since this news appeared, and discovered quickly that Mr Hewitt is ex-directory. Rumour suggests the operation has begun with a Ford 53 seater and a minibus, but there the information ends.

Mealstop would be happy to solve the mystery. Will the real Mr Hewitt step forward?

● THE slick organisation of the Coach Tourism Council at last week's Coaching for Pleasure day met its match



in one of the photographers.

'Anything you need, just let us know,' said the CTC to the assembled press at the hospitality bus provided by Nottingham Tourism. They hadn't bargained on our friend the lensman.

'The sun's in the wrong position. It's behind Wollaton Hall,' he said. Well, the CTC did say it would move heaven and earth to help out...

● TRANSPORT minister Roger Freeman drew a distinctly uneasy laugh from the bus and coach-men at the recent BCC conference in Glasgow. As he was speaking after dinner, Mr Freeman obviously thought it would be best to keep it lighthearted.

'There are two great lies in life,' he began. 'The first is the cheque's in the post. And the second is I'm from the Government and I'm here to help.' The 300 or so conference delegates gave him the benefit of the doubt and assumed he was joking.

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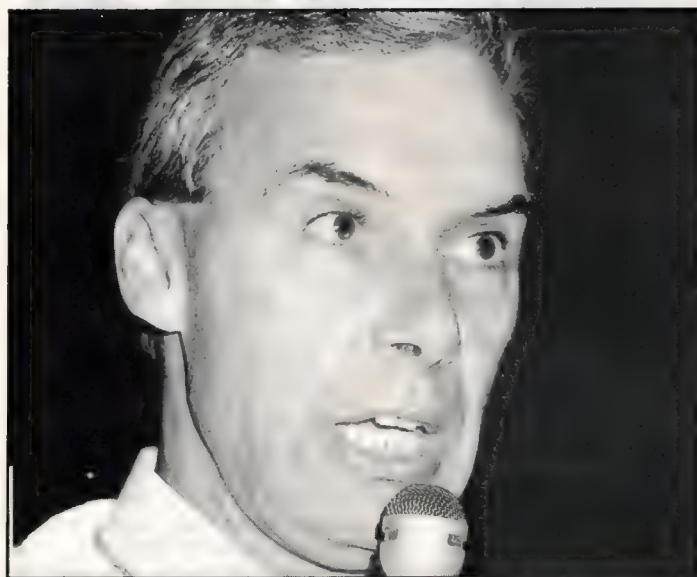
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Operators are to blame for low rates



Ron Whittle: speaking out.

From Ron Whittle

SIR

Mike Morgan's piece in *Coachmart* on October 11 on the star rating system was very interesting and accurate - with one exception!

It is not in fact a Belgian Star Rating System, but an International Star Rating System developed by the International Road Transport Union and following closely on the lines of the German system.

In addition to being a compulsory system for touring coaches in Belgium, it is also available to operators (through their various national associations) in a number of other European countries including France, Sweden, Germany etc.

Could it work in Britain? As a voluntary system the answer is yes - when the various government departments that have to approve it finally plough through their ridiculous red tape which has prevented BCC from introducing it for a number of years now, and with little sign of imminent approval!

What effect will it have on rates? Directly, very little except at the top end of the market where premiums could

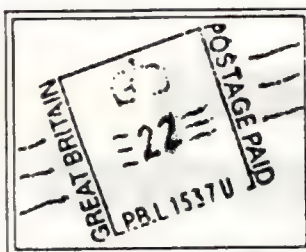
be improved, but remember that even now in Belgium about 75 percent of all coaches are still of one or two star rating.

What is of greater importance is what operators themselves are prepared to do NOW to improve profitability and, like our Belgian counterparts, start to purchase even half sensible numbers of new or modern coaches.

I agree with *Marksman* that profitable rates are obtainable, and quite easily. As food for thought, consider this. Throughout September I was hiring in coaches. These were coming from other operators whose private charter rates are normally between 30-45 percent below mine. Why was I so busy and they so readily available?

Star Rating systems are an excellent marketing tool and an identifying factor for premium rates, but they are no magic wand, as the Belgians have demonstrated. The magic wand will have to convince operators that it is they who keep rates stupidly low - clients WILL HAPPILY pay more.

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An accidental meeting with Mildred Stonewall!

From Mike Caine

SIR

As a comparative newcomer to the industry - almost two years as an operator - I had thought I was doing everything correctly.

My vehicles were well maintained, I always read the *Marksman* column in *Coachmart* and adhered to his price tables and my vehicles were fully comprehensive insured with the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation plc.

In the September 27 issue of *Coachmart* on the *Mealstop* page, mention was made about Mildred Stonewall, well I have news for the readers of *Coachmart* that Mildred Stonewall and her family are alive and well and all working for General Accident.

I have always thought that certain coach operators were often the guilty ones regarding non-payment of invoices (rather than some agencies), however, my thoughts could not have been more wrong.

My story goes back to mid-September when unfortunately one of my coaches was destroyed by fire and after reporting my loss to General Accident within hours of the fire on a Tuesday they sent their claims assessor out to inspect the vehicle three days later on the Friday.

Eleven days later after

almost complete silence and several 'phone calls to the Stonewall family (General Accident) they came up with an offer for the claim which was duly accepted in writing by myself. They (GA) informed me a cheque would be posted next day.

During the last 16 days I have spent several hard-earned pounds on 'phone calls to Mildred Stonewall's family (G Accident) requesting them to at least tell me the truth as to what has happened to my cheque.

I do not mind waiting, but I don't need dozens of hogwash excuses e.g. it is on the computer waiting for our management to clear it, or we are sending you a cheque by first class post, or the person who is dealing with your claim has gone on holiday.

One wonders how anyone like General Accident can run a business at all if they continue to talk so much hogwash misinforming their clients (you and me the operator) regarding claims payments. Presumably, they will not have anyone on holiday when my policy becomes due for renewal next year... at least they might be able to supply me with head bandages after banging my head against the Stonewall family.

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CPC standards must be improved

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From J R Scarborough

SIR

For some time we have deplored the level of errors which have existed in CPC questions and we have drawn up an historical summary for the past five sessions (see table above).

The PSV papers seem to be particularly poor which would appear to indicate very sloppy

proof reading and checking.

Because of concerted criticism, the HGV standards have increased recently. Unhappily however, the PSV sector seems to have been missed out.

One does ask oneself where is the role of the BCC in this matter?

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The time has come for fair treatment for all

From Gill Barratt

SIR

When travelling through Germany, the German 'Umsatzsteuer' or turnover tax has always been a bone of contention with operators and drivers alike.

At a rate of 0.7 pfennig per passenger/kilometre, a journey from Aachen to Austria/Bad Reichenhall, a distance of 790 km costs approximately £94 with a full 49 seater, i.e. £188 for the return journey.

Having spoken to Mr Dennis Flower of Bus & Coach Council, he informed me that the turnover tax is a tax levied on passenger transport in Germany which

all nationalities, including the German coach operators, are compelled to pay and an investigation about eight years ago proved there to be no discriminatory effect. He said that in accordance with German law, all coaches must pay this tax. Is it not also British law that road tax must be paid in Britain?

Perhaps if foreign coaches were compelled to pay a similar tax when entering Britain, a 350 percent increase in our Road Fund licence 'to bring us in line with other road users' would not have been necessary and perhaps the revenue could be used towards improving the British road network.

The German tax is the heaviest burden on European routes, however, Denmark operates an identical system, we have to pay 300BF to enter Belgium, pay to use French and Italian motorways and pay sometimes extortionate fees to pass through tunnels and over bridges.

When working for tour operators, we are generally asked to quote to include all road tolls. Is the German tax actually a road toll or should the fee be borne by the tour operator?

With the drive towards 1992 and a united Europe, is it not time that such taxes were abolished between member states? Is it not time that coach operators lobbied BCC, the Government, and in turn the European Commission to look into this matter?

If there is no result, the time has come to adopt the attitude, 'If they charge us, let's charge them.'

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IT takes two to tango when you want to coax a 1927 Leyland into life. Our two lumberjack coated heroes are struggling against all odds after the Lion had been restored back in 1973.

For a large part of its existence the bus rested in East Yorkshire as a static caravan. Consequently, when moved to Hull in 1972 it was repainted in East Yorkshire Motor Services' livery. To many this seemed inappropriate in view of the vehicle's earlier history.

Bought in 1927 by Bradford City Tramways, it was subsequently withdrawn in 1936 and sold to Spence Ltd, of Brighouse. It was then converted into a showman's living van a year later. This nomadic existence took it frequently to Hull fair over a ten year period as the generator unit for Wright's brandy snap stall.

Ownership passed to Mr Pinder of Bridlington and then to Mr Johnson of nearby Carnaby. At this point, the Lion took up residence at Boynton Hall as the home of parish councillor Miss Artis for 18 years.

Where is the bus now?



KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE

A quiet revolution has softened the public face of the Vehicle Inspectorate. As the Executive Agency moves carefully towards a commercial environment, the emphasis changes from enforcement to helpful advice. Mike Morgan reports.

'MAKE sure you're not overloaded, keep emergency doorways clear and have brakes regularly tested.'

This unequivocal advice comes from Peter Harper, the Vehicle Inspectorate's Stoke-on-Trent district manager.

After a lifetime's workshop experience and 30 years inspecting vehicles, Mr Harper has not lost any enthusiasm for his work. His response to the Government-inspired tide of change was characteristically positive.

Opening his Swynnerton testing station to operators for the day, he told *Coachmart*: 'It is important that people know we have nothing to hide.'

Testing stations failing to meet budget targets will lose staff, but test fees are fixed so the only way forward is to increase revenue by generating new business.

Survival is the name of the game - coach operators will identify with that. Service, or customer care become key words. Not that vehicle inspectors have



Each wheel is individually tested at only £6 per axle.

failed to help in the past. It's just that now the emphasis has changed.

When operators set prohibitions they don't check their vehicles thoroughly enough.

Mr Harper's enthusiasm for his work ensures his staff are a happy team prepared to serve. 'You must be cheerful



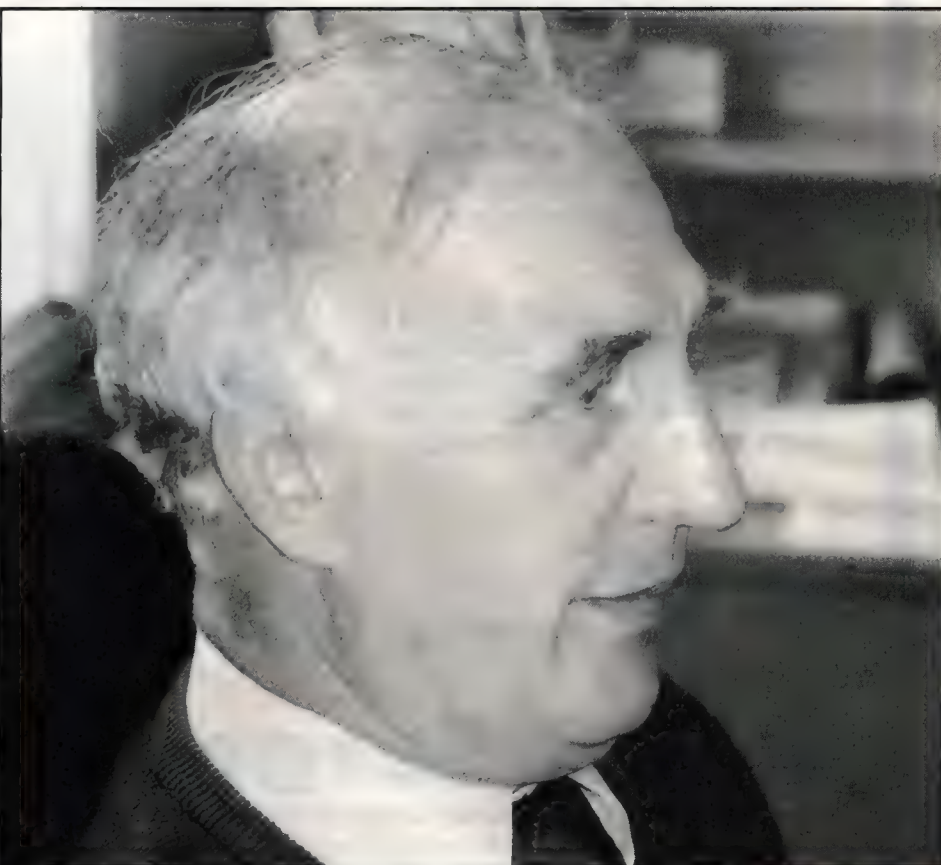
to work here - and well trained.'

Teamwork ensures all staff are working on the same wavelength. No test failure goes through without a careful explanation of what was wrong. Said Mr Harper: 'We look carefully at all prohibitions. The wording is important because operators must be able to evaluate faults.'

Critical of operators receiving prohibitions, he said: 'When they get prohibitions they don't check the vehicle thoroughly enough - when it comes back in here we check the vehicle all over.'

Don't expect any relaxation of the regulations. Roadside checks and accident investigation form a critical part of a vehicle inspector's working life.

Responsibility for public safety rests heavily on their shoulders, consequently Mr Harper and his staff are very anxious to stop operators getting



Peter Harper: 'You must be cheerful to work here - and well trained.'



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◀ into trouble on the Queen's highway.

Brakes are the most common fail item at annual test. Large operators with fully equipped workshops can check brake performance regularly, but the small man was disadvantaged until the Vehicle Inspectorate introduced one of its first initiatives in the new order. Voluntary brake testing at each of its 91 stations is designed specifically to help. Each wheel is individually tested at £6 per axle.

When presenting a vehicle for test, pay attention to the obvious things like side flaps, and floor treads. Ask yourself: 'Are passengers safe in this vehicle?' Mr Harper advises: 'Spending 10 minutes a week will save a lot of money.' Using the emergency door as an example, he said: 'We find many a time this door has not been used from one year to the next.'

Although most operators are only too happy to learn from Vehicle Inspectorate staff, it is a good idea if you have a copy of the vehicle inspection amplification notes.

Available from testing stations for £15, the publication - Public Service Vehicles Inspection Manual



The certificate of Initial Fitness inspection requires a check that doors do not trap passengers' arms.

Amplification Notes - is essential reference for anyone preparing a vehicle for test. It clarifies procedures and standards contained in the 'Public Service Vehicle Inspection Manual' and should avoid misunderstandings.

Spending 10 minutes a week on your vehicles can save you a lot of money.

When a coach goes for annual test it is the fitter who is in the front line, but

when on the Queen's Highway it is the driver who carries the responsibility. Overloading is still flavour of the month for roadside checks. Because of the low passenger weight allowance used at certification, many vehicles are close to being overloaded when full of passengers.

Mr Harper's experience suggests that the problem is most serious on front axles. He said: 'Watch the load distribution and remember the weight of water in toilet/washroom tanks. Items such as an intercooler add weight.'

Drivers must make sure the emergency door is clear and unlocked. Inspectors find too many locked and unusable in the event of an accident.

The condition and type of tyres give cause for concern. Some remoulds on coaches are not to the required specification and drivers are completely unaware. 'I find it quite horrifying. Tyre law is very complex and I'm sure many operators don't understand it.' Tread patterns should be examined regularly.

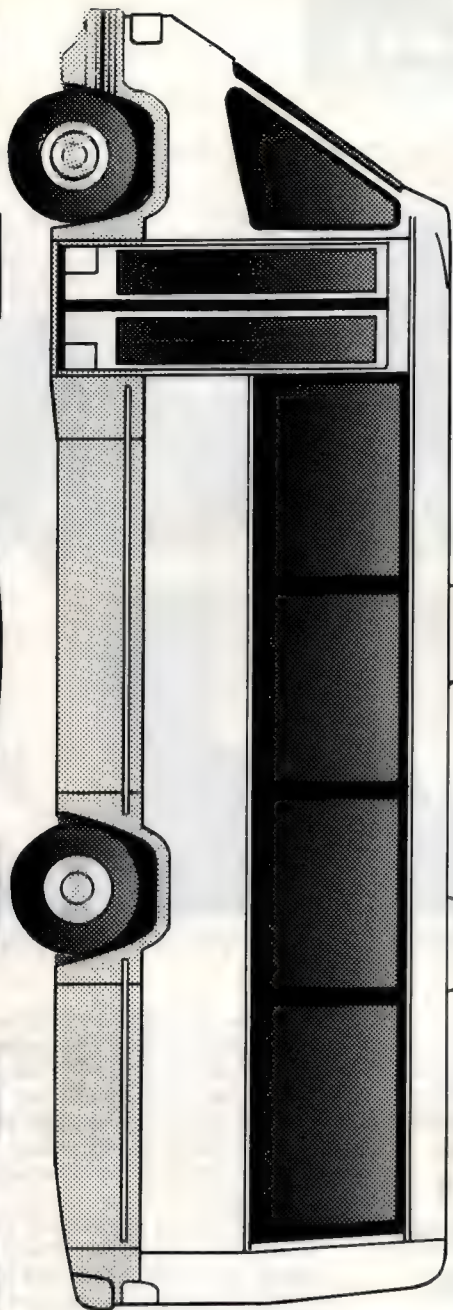
Choice of tyres is just one dilemma facing the coach operator. Increasing vehicle sophistication increases the burden. When Peter Harper started work with Huddersfield Corporation at the tender age of 14, vehicles only needed one rear light.

With testing stations facing a new future, the Vehicle Inspectorate's own budgeting dilemmas will have positive spin-offs. Advice is at hand and new initiatives in the pipeline, because they need you as much as you need them - watch out for the next open day at your local testing station.



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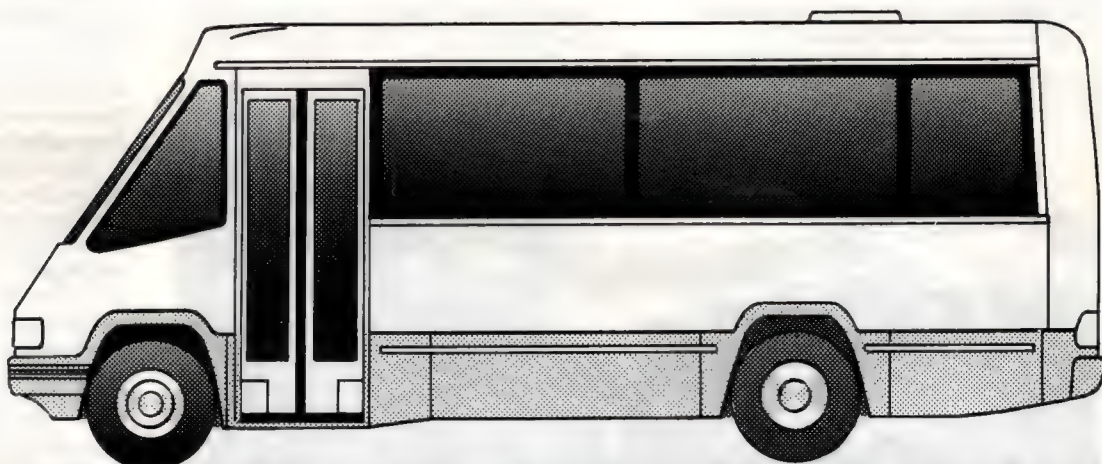


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CLASSIC ELEGANCE FROM THE TIGER

Mike Morgan turned to Coachmart's classified pages in search of a quality coach under £40,000. He discovered a four-year-old Leyland Royal Tiger Doyen, which despite its lowly reputation has a lot to offer.



Leyland Royal Tiger Doyen: Warners Fairfax's confidence shone through.

THE shape and concept of Leyland's Royal Tiger Doyen has stood the test of time.

Introduced with great ceremony in October 1982, the Doyen offered increased luxury, performance and style. And features such as rear engine, integral construction and air suspension completed the package.

'Who else but Leyland' was the proud statement on early publicity. Confidence continued to flow forth: 'The coach everyone's been waiting for ... two years painstaking development and research ... superb ride and handling ... in short all the power, performance, economy, reliability and comfort you've come to expect from Britain's premier builder of coaches - Leyland.'

Eight years later these claims have a hollow ring in the light of early operational experience and the demise of Leyland as an independent company. It is too easy to dismiss the Doyen as a lost cause.

Following an overall design by John Heffernon, the prototype vehicle adopted Neoplan type integral construction and Setra type styling. The transition from drawing board to production models resulted in remarkably few changes. The

design was right, but an elegant profile camouflaged a number of practical difficulties.

Age disguised by personal number plates, the Doyen looks just as good today, but the depressed secondhand coach market has reservations about its value.

Tewkesbury coach operator Warners

Fairfax advertised its 1985 Doyen in *Coachmart* for £30,000. With the company planning a fleet reduction in the wake of the sale of its tour programme to Stirling Holidays, this looked a particularly good buy.

A telephone call to Nick Warner confirmed price and condition so I arranged a *Coachmart* road test subject to availability.

September is the coach tour operators' busy period and the Doyen in question was out on a continental trip. The good news was that a younger 1986 Doyen had just returned from a six week golf tour and would be prepared that morning for road test.

Warners' confidence in the Doyen shone through. The Workington-built coach was ready for a full 450 mile two day test within a few hours and I was away by mid-day.

This particular Doyen was acquired secondhand three years ago and is one of three operated. The other two were part of the original production run of 70 coaches built by Charles Roe at what is now the Optare factory in Leeds.

Royal Tiger Doyen complete vehicles were produced during a five-year period up to 1987. Production was transferred to Workington ahead of

PERFORMANCE

Gears/Ratios/Speeds

Gear	Ratio	Speed	RPM
1st	7.41:1	9 mph	2100
2nd	4.27:1	18 mph	2100
3rd	2.75:1	24 mph	2100
4th	1.84:1	40 mph	2100
5th	1.24:1	59 mph	2100
6th	1.00:1	70 mph	2100
Reverse	6.96:1		

Acceleration

0-30 mph	14 secs
0-50 mph	32 secs
0-70 mph	69 secs
30-50 mph in top gear	27 secs
30-70 mph in top gear	39 secs

◀ the Roe factory closure, and total output reached 160. Further B50 underframes went to Plaxton and Van Hool for separate bodying, but these only boosted production by 30 percent.

Build

Chris George, former Royal Tiger project manager and now VL Bus & Coach sales engineering manager, believes the vehicle's good looks are a result of the Doyen being designed outside-in.

A close examination of the features introduced by Leyland in this flagship vehicle suggest that too much was done in a short gestation period from 1980 to the Brighton launch.

New were welded rectangular section tubular steel underframe, bonded glass and side panels. Chassis engineering was by Leyland - Roe did the assembly. Consequently, inevitable conflicts emerged with engineering detail decided by committee in Leyland's engineering hierarchy.

Space saved by the lack of a chassis frame gave rise to advertised claims for space to hold 100 suitcases in the underfloor compartment. Although conceived as a 49 seat 12 metre coach with luxury leg-room, there was no provision in the original design for drivers bunk, centre door, or toilet.

Inevitably, provision of these features as on the test vehicle not only reduced luggage space, but required detailed frame redesign.

Until officially killed off after Volvo's acquisition of Leyland in 1988, the Doyen retained the same exterior design. Changes included a change from 245 bhp engine on Roe built versions to 260 bhp in 1985 and the final version from 1986 had significant interior trim revisions.

Up front, the one piece windscreen is bonded to the structure with matt black ribbed panel beneath giving the effect of greater depth. Dominating the front mounted radiator grill is Leyland's bold tiger and crown badge - a symbol epitomising the company's pride in the project.

Side windows are double glazed and curve discreetly into the roof-line. Silk screen printed bands on each side window soften this aspect and hide the interior racks from outside view.

The stretched steel full-length side panels add to a notably attractive uncluttered appearance. Below this level, all skirt panels, including wheel valances lift for access. There were parallel lift luggage locker doors on Warners' Doyen.

Front and rear corners feature compound curvatures. At the rear this results in a simple yet elegant profile. A large one-piece GRP lift-up rear engine access flap combines with the side panels to give engine access for all purposes including routine checks.



Leyland's tiger and crown badge: epitomising the company's pride in the vehicle.

Passenger impressions

The benefits of complete vehicle construction become evident from the passenger entrance onwards. Entrance and side access door mechanisms on early models were a problem, but once up the first 40 cm step the entrance area is first class.

Three equal 22 cm steps and well positioned rectangular section handrails help passenger access to the flat uncluttered entrance area. The entrance steps have quality dimple-effect rubber covering and coconut matting is strategically positioned before a fourth

slightly higher step taking your customer into the carpeted sunken gangway.

After four years of tour work, the luxurious finish has become jaded. Most notable is the well worn moquette on the courier seat - caused by coachloads of passengers using the folded armrests as additional handholds.

Ice-cool blue GRP front and rear interior panels were possibly strikingly good looking when new, but lack taste in the 90s. These panels together with the worn moquette and tired looking interior soft trim confirm the wisdom of Warners' instinct to refurbish the Doyen for next season.

Three types of seat offered on Doyen included the Diplomat Technico President. Although door mechanism and rack fittings are sourced from the same supplier, these seats have been less satisfactory in service than Vogel or Lazzarini.

With 47 seats sporting arm and foot rests, the Doyen passenger saloon is spacious and comfort assured - add air suspension and impressive sound insulation and you have a coach with definite passenger appeal.

The sunken central toilet is accessed by slightly awkward stairway narrowed to 48 cm because of the fridge mounted over the drivers bunk entrance. A sink is mounted on the toilet top. ▶

FUEL ECONOMY

Odometer at finish: 361,454 km
Odometer at start: 360,732 km
Total distance: 617 km
(448.61 miles)

Section	Fuel Used	Distance	MPG	Ave Speed
Motorway	50.13 litres (11.56 galls)	234 km (145.4 miles)	12.6mpg	66 mph
Trunk route	76.4 litres (16.8 galls)	234 km (145.4 miles)	8.7mpg	45.9 mph
Cross-Country	68.23 litres (15 galls)	254 km (157.8 miles)	10.5mpg	37.9 mph
Totals	194.76 litres (43.36 galls)	617 km (448.6 miles)	10.4mpg	

Fuel tank capacity 400 litres (88 galls) - maximum range = 915 miles

COMPARISONS

Vehicle	Unladen weight	Consumption	Coachmart Issue
Bedford YMT/Cummins 6CT	8300 kg	16.3 mpg	569 January 4, 1990
LAG Panoramic	11900 kg	9.08 mpg	577 March 1
Neoplan Skyliner	15120 kg	8.38 mpg	581 March 29
Leopard/Willowbrook	9880 kg	10.88 mpg	583 April 12
Ensign Charisma	12075 kg	11.6 mpg	585 April 26
Scania K113/Plaxton	11645 kg	9.84 mpg	587 May 10
Javelin Caetano	10716 kg	11.2 mpg	591 June 7 - loaded
DSB Dubrava	11690 kg	10 mpg	594 June 28
Neoplan Cityliner	14390 kg	10 mpg	595 July 5
DAF MB200/Duple ('84)	10615 kg	11.82 mpg	599 August 2
DAF SB3000/Caetano	12420 kg	11 mpg	603 August 30
Volvo B58/Plaxton ('82)	9700 kg	10.72 mpg	604 September 6
EOS	12340 kg	10.87 mpg	605 September 13

◀ In addition to Blaupunkt radio cassette, your passengers can be entertained by front-mounted Ferguson TV and Panasonic video installation. Microphone location is both neat and convenient - a wander mic for courier and flexi-stalk for driver. Stereo sound is reproduced through four pairs of rack mounted speakers and thoughtfully positioned speakers behind your driver's seat are indicative of the care given to the cab area.

Driving impressions

Throughout the recent series of *Coachmart* road tests, Rod Davey and myself have consistently campaigned for sensible location of tachograph, tachometer and mirrors. The Doyen cockpit design is superb. Vehicle designers should look no further. Everything is within easy reach and logically positioned. Controls are light, yet robust, and the mirrors do not create blind spots.

Nevertheless some aspects could be improved. The off-side mirror vibrated so badly at 70 mph that rapidly approaching cars appeared to jump motorway lanes, and being square, it lacked the depth of vision necessary in present traffic conditions.

Without doubt, the Achilles heel is the Royal Tiger's gear change, particularly on Roe-built vehicles. On Warners' Workington-built machine, the air assisted 'power shift' was lighter and easier, but neutral is vague and second gear selection unpredictable.

In the final analysis, the gear change is no worse than many other cable linkages to a ZF S6-80 box - though watch your knuckles on the dash when



The Doyen cockpit: a model for coach designers.

engaging first gear.

To drive the Doyen is to experience the benefit of complete vehicle design. The compact cab possible with integral construction releases additional space for the benefit of your customers while allowing your driver to exercise complete control without fatigue.

Performance

Power output requirements for coaches increases each year, but the modest 260 TL 11 engine did very well. Hill climbing

performance would be disappointing if it wasn't for the very tractable torque characteristics.

It is an engine with idiot-proof qualities which make it suitable for a rear engined coach driven by a mix of drivers. Power is delivered smoothly from low down the rev range, making the engine less susceptible to driver abuse.

In fact Warners has confidence enough to leave the tachometer disconnected. After adopting ceramic clutches, Nick Warner said 350,000 km replacement was normal. ▶

AT A GLANCE

Ride Quality:	Comfortable, but some sway on cross-country roads. Very stable on motorways. Shocks from poor road surfaces transmitted through steering, and sharp pitching induced if speed too high.
Steering:	Small - 18 inch - steering wheel gives excellent control. Fairly light power assistance with strong self return action. Judder above 65 mph.
Braking:	Firm pressure gives strong reassuring road braking.
Noise:	Quiet ride with low noise measurement - 74 db(A). Seat and luggage rack rattle. Additional noise from plug door and power steering pump.
Luggage Accommodation:	Racks shallow, but cantilever type brackets allow easy access. Unlike Roe-built Doyen's brackets exposed. Driver provided with oddments tray and cassette box. Large underfloor area restricted by toilet, water tank and sleeping berth.
Security:	Key locks to emergency door, boot, video cabinet, and side lockers. Switch for engine stop/start, T key required for engine compartment and concealed catch for engine side flaps.
Heating:	Convenient car type controls for cab heating. Thermostatically controlled ducted saloon system.
Ventilation:	Rack mounted forced air vents, and three roof vents under electro-pneumatic and thermostat control.
Lighting:	Interior: roof mounted fluorescents with dim facility together with rack lights. Exterior: Headlights bright, but dipped beam lacks definition. Powerful main beam. Fog lamps fitted.
Handrails and Guards:	Adequate rectangular section soft feel handrails in entrance area.



Entrance area: steps are well positioned.

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Also representative is the fluctuations between type of use - a low of 8.7 mpg flowing from heavy traffic confronted in Leicester and Peterborough city centres.

Verdict

Coach operators who have stayed with Doyen have frequently become enthusiastic about the marque. On continental tours consumption is reportedly up to 14 mpg and the willingness of Warners and others to send Doyens on prestige trips speaks volumes for mechanical reliability.

The power shift gear change is preferred - ceramic clutch and Eminorx stainless steel exhaust highly recommended. Difficulties with door controls and other minor irritations can quickly become part of routine maintenance procedures. Chris George said: 'Taken on board by those operators who can come to terms with the Doyen and make it work, the coach will be more than satisfactory.'

Given the present state of the new and used coach market, the availability of a quality British integral coach at a realistic price is a tempting proposition.

As with any secondhand vehicle, careful examination of a potential purchase is essential, but with the Doyen the enthusiasm of the previous owner is critical.



Some Doyens have been allowed to go downhill by owners frustrated and discouraged by low re-sale values. Others, like Warners Fairfax, see low residual values as an excuse to keep the Doyen in good condition, fit for long term use.

Bought at the right price and refurbished where necessary, the Doyen is still a vehicle with plenty of life left in it. The end of Royal Tiger production is a fact of life making the product nominally obsolete. However, well cared for Doyens give passengers, drivers and operators very little to complain about.

Stretched steel full-length side panel: added to the coach's attractive appearance.

WHAT THE OPERATORS SAY

Warners Fairfax, Tewkesbury: Three Doyens operated - two Charles Roe - built vehicles include the last one built at Leeds. Director Richard Warner said: 'We are not at the top end of the tour market. Our customers require comfort, and reliability. With private plates they have no reason to question the age of the Doyen.'

Once initial problems with oil leaks were overcome, the Workington-built test coach has provided three years of reliable and economical service. Comparing the coach with a new Volvo B10M in the fleet, Mr Warner said: 'The Doyen uses less fuel, provides as good a ride and is cheaper to maintain - a replacement engine costs half the price.'

W Pickup Ltd, Rochdale: Bill Pickup, managing director of W Pickup Ltd, was spontaneous in his reaction: 'They're the best thing since slice bread.'

Pickup took the second Doyen off the production line. Mr Pickup said: 'There were a few body faults, but mechanically it was fine.' Although this first machine has been sold, the company runs two Workington-built coaches - one to executive specification and the other with 53 seats.

Mr Pickup added: 'We shall keep them and refurbish. It's a pity they did not continue in production, because they would have got better.'

The Doyens are regularly used on continental tours to Austria and Italy. On this type of work they return an economical 12/13 mpg.

Holmeswood of Rufford: Two of Holmeswood's 23 vehicle fleet are Royal Tiger Doyens - a C reg and a D reg. Director Frank Aspinall is very pro-British and Holmeswood has long been committed to Leyland products. The younger Doyen will be retained for another three years.

Mr Aspinall said: 'They've been hyper-successful and hyper - economical returning 12-14 mpg. We've had sterling service from them, running all over Europe - they've done wonders for our holiday business.' Referring to the decision to stop production, he said: 'It's terrible the way it's been dropped - the biggest mistake they ever made.'

Holmeswood has experienced few problems - clutch replacement is required every year and engines stripped down every 200,000 km for valve guide replacement. Oil leaks on the TL 11 engine are easily fixed, according to Mr Aspinall, who added: 'Long term we'd fit pneumocyclic gearboxes which would be better for the drivers than the cable gear change.'

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Suspension:	Full air front and rear
Axles:	Front: As used on Leyland Olympian - located by top mounted tapered link trailing arms Rear: Eaton 23130 series
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Weekly report on law and the coach operator By Michael Jewell

Pennine told to operate fewer vehicles



SKIPTON-based Pennine Motor Services has had its licence authorisation cut from 20 vehicles to 17 after being issued with a number of

prohibition notices.

And the company was told the DTp vehicle inspectorate would be keeping a close watch on its standard of maintenance.

The licence reduction was made when Albert, Norman and Edward Simpson trading as Pennine Motor Services, of Grouse Garage, Gargrave, were called to disciplinary proceedings before North Eastern traffic commissioner Mr Frederick Whalley at a Leeds public inquiry.

DTp vehicle examiner Mr Derek Sayer said he carried out a maintenance investigation in April and May, following a roadside check when Pennine vehicles were found to be in an unsatisfactory condition.

He examined nine vehicles, issuing three immediate prohibition notices for five dangerous defects and six less serious defects.

During the spot check in February, five vehicles were examined. Three immediate prohibitions and five defect notices were issued for a total of eight dangerous defects, four less serious defects and 38 advisory items.

The firm claimed to carry out monthly inspections, with safety checks every 14 days. It was said drivers checked the vehicles daily, but the defects found indicated that those checks were not being carried out.

The registration numbers were not recorded on the inspection records, many of which were unsigned, and they did not show the true condition of the vehicles. The decline in maintenance standards appeared to have occurred over the last year.

Asked what he thought had gone wrong, Mr Sayer said he felt that the supervisory aspect had deteriorated. The then foreman had not seemed to want to know about checking on the staff for quality, and it appeared maintenance arrangements were running out of control.

For Pennine, Mr Christopher Lynch said the firm was currently operating 18 vehicles. It always bought new components and tyres.

Following the spot check, carried out at Burnley Bus Station on all companies



Pennine Motor Services: DTp vehicle inspectorate will be watching its standard of maintenance.

operating into the bus station, the firm was charged with 13 offences relating to the condition of three buses.

It pleaded not guilty before Burnley magistrates to eight of the offences, and was acquitted. It admitted charges relating to bells and exit lights not working, as the drivers had jammed them with paper because they were annoyed with children and other passengers constantly using them, and was given an absolute discharge.

Decline in the maintenance standards occurred over the past year.

Questioned by Mr Lynch, Mr Sayer said the fleet was wholly Plaxton bodied Leyland Leopards. He said that on the first vehicle prohibited in April the brake hose had deteriorated to the extent that it split when he bent it. On the second vehicle, the handbrake was totally inoperative on one side.

He agreed there was no complaint about the primary and secondary braking systems and that the other defects had arisen since the vehicle was tested in March.

He said the age of the vehicles meant that defects were arising rapidly. He accepted that an air pressure leak on the third prohibited vehicle was due to the failure of a recently installed new component.

Mr Sayer agreed the inspection period was about right. He said he was not complaining about the system, it was the implementation

that was the problem.

He agreed that four mechanics gave a high ratio of staff to vehicles, and that the foreman had been changed on his recommendation and he accepted that the equipment available was more than adequate, but said he felt the main problem was the age of the vehicles. Pennine had to update its fleet to solve the problem.

Mr John Walton said he had been appointed garage foreman approximately four weeks ago, after being employed by Pennine for eight years.

He had previously worked for Ribbles Motor Services and Jamaica Omnibus Services and had been engineering superintendent with London Country Bus at Hertford where he was responsible for a fleet of 450 vehicles, before moving back north for family reasons.

He had authority to purchase new what he felt was required at whatever cost. There was no question of a lack of funding. Things had definitely been tightened up and he looked at every bus personally once a fortnight.

In the past, only the figures of the registration number had been put on the inspection sheets, but now the full registration number was being inserted.

The drivers had been sent a warning letter about interfering with warning buzzers, and it was now impossible for them to get into the buzzer compartment.

Questioned by Mr Whalley, Mr Walton said the standards at Pennine were higher than at some of the other companies he had worked

LEGAL NEWS

THE Government's recently published guidelines for first aid in the workplace must be implemented this month.

Entitled 'First Aid at Work - Approved Code of Practice', these guidelines affect all work places, from the self-employed, to office, factory and manufacturing concerns.

In giving guidance to employers in order that they may comply with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981, the new Approved Code of Practice, while recommending the minimum quantities of first aid products, has, in fact, abolished the requirements for first aid products based on the number of employees and replaced this with a requirement based on the hazards in the individual workplaces.

The British Surgical Trades Association has produced a booklet informing employers on how to meet the legal obligations and recommending minimum levels of first aid products.

You can contact the BSTA on 0732 458868.

HEALTH and Safety Executive chief inspector of factories Tony Linehan has given a blunt message about safety in small firms.

Speaking at the launch of his report 'Safety Pays' - covered in *Coachmart* on October 11 - he said: 'Preventing an employee from being maimed or killed is not just a legal and moral duty it can also be sound business sense, and the chance of a small firm surviving after a serious workplace accident may well be greater than the victim's.'

'Having a worker very seriously injured or killed in an accident is a dreadful experience for any company.'

'For a small firm, whose employees are its most precious resource, it may be an even more devastating blow and the business may well fail as a result.'

The report is available free from HSE, Baynards House, 1 Chepstow Place, Westbourne Grove, London W2 4TF (Tel: 071 221 0870).

Weekly report on law and the coach operator By Michael Jewell

for. He felt the problems had arisen due to a bit of laxness. The vehicles were getting older and they were doing more arduous work since deregulation.

Mr Whalley said Leylands were robust vehicles, so it must be the system that was at fault.

Mr Norman Simpson, a partner, said he had taken over the running of the firm from his uncle 34 years ago.

All its services were commercial services. It operated 600,000 miles a year. There was no mileage lost due to faulty buses. It had a 55 percent no claims bonus until the insurance company arbitrarily lowered it for all operators to 45 percent.

The company had always purchased new tyres until last year, when it experimented with a small number of re-treads. It had lowered the mileage per vehicle substantially, to an average of 30,000 to 40,000 miles a year.

Three 'M' registered vehicles being scrapped had been acquired from a large national company. They had been an absolute disaster and they were in a worse condition than 'K' registered vehicles still being operated.

Mr Simpson said he was a qualified mechanic and inspected the buses himself on occasions. The failure of a new diaphragm within five days had been bad luck. Out of 190 inspection records, three did not have the correct vehicle numbers and three were unsigned.

He felt many of the defects listed on the prohibitions imposed in the Burnley check were exaggerated or untrue.

Asked why he had not appealed against the prohibitions, Mr Simpson said he had never ever argued with vehicle examiners. He had perhaps made a mistake in not disputing the defects at

the time.

Having not been in that circumstance before, he was unaware that he could appeal, and he was ignorant of the procedure.

The vehicles had previously been inspected by two people, said Mr Simpson. They were now inspected by Mr Walton and the inspection sheet had been modified.

Age of the vehicles meant defects were arising rapidly.

Some of the defects found by Mr Sayer had already been under surveillance, some were due to unusual component failures and some were due to negligence. He felt the system was now as good as the company could make it.

After studying accounts and inspection records produced, Mr Whalley said he was satisfied that any problem was not due to lack of finance.

As far as the records were concerned, all the information might be there, but it was in rather a scruffy form and it did not add to his confidence about Pennine's ability to maintain its vehicles.

Mr Simpson admitted that a number of vehicles were not kept at Grouse Garage, and Mr Whalley said the places where they were being kept were 'operating centres' and the firm would have to have them added to its licence.

An 'operating centre' was the place where the vehicles were kept when not in use. Asked why the driver defect reporting system had not been tightened up after the Burnley check as some of the defects found must have been obvious to the drivers, Mr Simpson said they had been sent a warning letter.

He indicated that he would be prepared to institute a nil defect reporting system for the

firm's drivers.

Mr Whalley said that vehicles had demonstrably not been kept in a fit and serviceable condition, otherwise prohibitions would not have been imposed.

It was not sufficient merely to tell employees what to do - that was only the start. Checks had to be made to ensure the company was doing what it had been told.

Mr Lynch said Pennine had enjoyed an exemplary record over the years and the problem had occurred relatively recently. The complaints should be viewed against the number of vehicles and the mileage operated.

It was an old fashioned firm, which had served the local community for 65 years and its vehicles, with their orange and black livery, had become an accepted part of the scenery in the North Yorkshire Dales.

The proceedings had caused Mr Simpson a great deal of anguish and distress, and that was sufficient punishment in itself.

Mr Whalley said there was no doubt that there were grounds for taking action against the licence. The high esteem Pennine was held in by passengers and the local community would not last long if someone was killed as a result of a defective bus.

He said cutting the licence

must be seen as a warning of what would happen to the licence in the future unless Pennine got the situation right.

Mr Whalley said the company needed to improve its driver defect reporting system and Mr Simpson needed to exercise tighter personal control.

He would instruct the DTp's vehicle inspectorate to keep a close watch on Pennine's standard of maintenance during the remaining currency of the licence, which was due to expire in July 1993.

Warning has been issued



THE Scottish traffic commissioner has recorded a warning against an

operator over his maintenance record.

He renewed the national licence held by Mr Edward Coakley, trading as E & P Coakley, of New Stevenson, until the end of December 1991, but only in respect of three single deckers and not the five applied for.

Mr Coakley appeared at a disciplinary inquiry in Lanark in view of his maintenance record.

Verdict adjourned on Golden Coaches Ltd



SOUTH Wales traffic commissioner Mr John Mervyn Pugh has adjourned

consideration of what disciplinary action to take against the PSV licence held by Golden Coaches Ltd, of Llanwit Major, until all the company's vehicles have fresh MoT certificates.

The company, which was also seeking to increase the authorisation on its licence from four to 10 single deckers, appeared at Cardiff disciplinary proceedings.

Its vehicles had attracted a number of prohibition notices because of their condition over the past year, and it was admitted that it had failed to implement the recommended maintenance system in the South Wales traffic area.

Mr David Gee, a director, conceded that he had neglected to write to the company's drivers explaining the maintenance procedures the company had been directed to implement.

Though he had introduced several of the recommended procedures, including the use of a flow chart for planning inspections ahead, he had not sent the drivers duplicate letters because there was only two of them working at the time.

Mr Mervyn Pugh said the nil defect reporting system, could only work if the drivers knew what to do.

The prohibition notices the company had attracted over the last 12 months were linked to Mr Gee's failure to properly implement the recommended maintenance procedures.

Licence granted to operate minibus



K & J Middlehurst, trading as K & J Private Hire & Minibuses, of Lancaster, has been granted a new restricted licence for one 15 seater vehicle.

After North Western deputy traffic commissioner Mr Kenneth Birchall, said he was concerned about the partners' main occupation, Mr Keith Middlehurst told a Manchester public inquiry that he was a taxi driver and freelance coach driver for tour operators.

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Gunter Nischwitz, director

UK and Ireland of the GNT0, said: 'All my staff are still on a learning curve as far as the undoubted attractions and varied facilities of what used to be the GDR are concerned.'

'We are building up information and some of us have started to take exploratory trips into the east, but we really have to

ask the travelling public in Britain to bear with us until we complete our research.'

The five eastern regions expected to generate a surge of interest are Brandenburg, Saxony, Mecklenburg-West Pomerania, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia.

You can contact the GNT0 on 071 495 3990.

Dutch delight is on offer to operators

NORMAN Allen Group Travel is offering coach operators tours to the spectacular Floriade flower show in Holland in 1992.

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Norman Allen has launched an information brochure in co-operation with Floriade featuring a selection of

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Clients can also take advantage of NAGT's pre-registration scheme which allows them to record in advance their specific requirements for Floriade, with no commitment until well into next year.

The four page brochure - suggesting 3-7 day trips - is circulating now and can be obtained from Norman Allen Group Travel on its free Linkline number 080 262273.

Group guide is launched

GROUP rates at 210 tourist attractions and 163 hotels are included in the South East England Tourist Board's Group Organisers' Guide for 1991/92.

The 88 page manual also includes restaurants, regional registered guides, local handling agents, coach operators and 1991 major events.

Contact Sally Day, travel trade officer, South East England Tourist Board, The Old Brew House, Warwick Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 5TU (Tel: 0892 540766).

Scotland is a success story

A SURVEY commissioned by the UK's four national tourist boards has highlighted the value of Scottish holidays to the travel trade particularly in the organised coach tour field.

'The UK Tourist' has reported the 1989 domestic tourism results as part of a survey to provide a broader, more accurate picture of UK tourism - costing £1 million over three years.

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Katie Rutherford, the Scottish Tourist Board's travel trade marketing manager, said: 'Clearly, Scotland is providing the UK holidaymaker with a different holiday experience in a familiar environment.'

Gloucester museum wins European accolade

THE National Waterways Museum at Gloucester has been named one of the top seven museums in Europe in the prestigious European Museum of the Year Award 1990.

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218**

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Essex (14269/VO)

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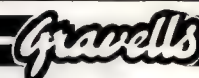
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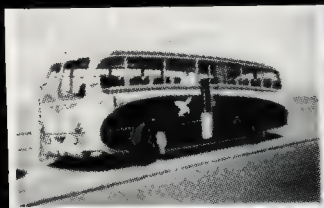
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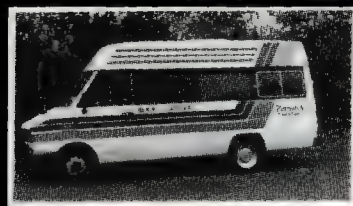
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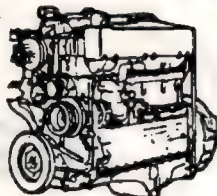
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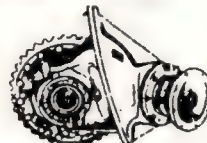
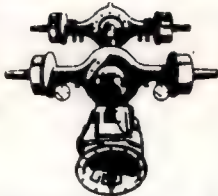
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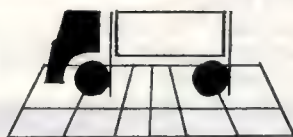
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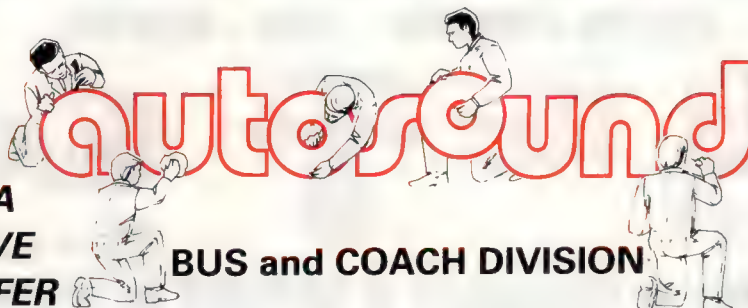
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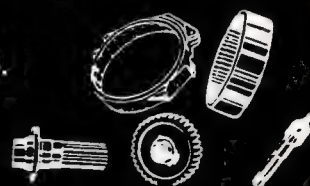
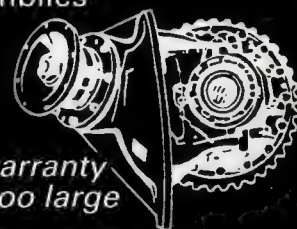
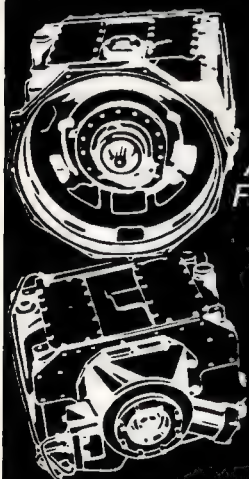
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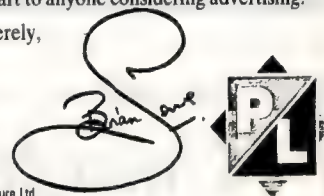
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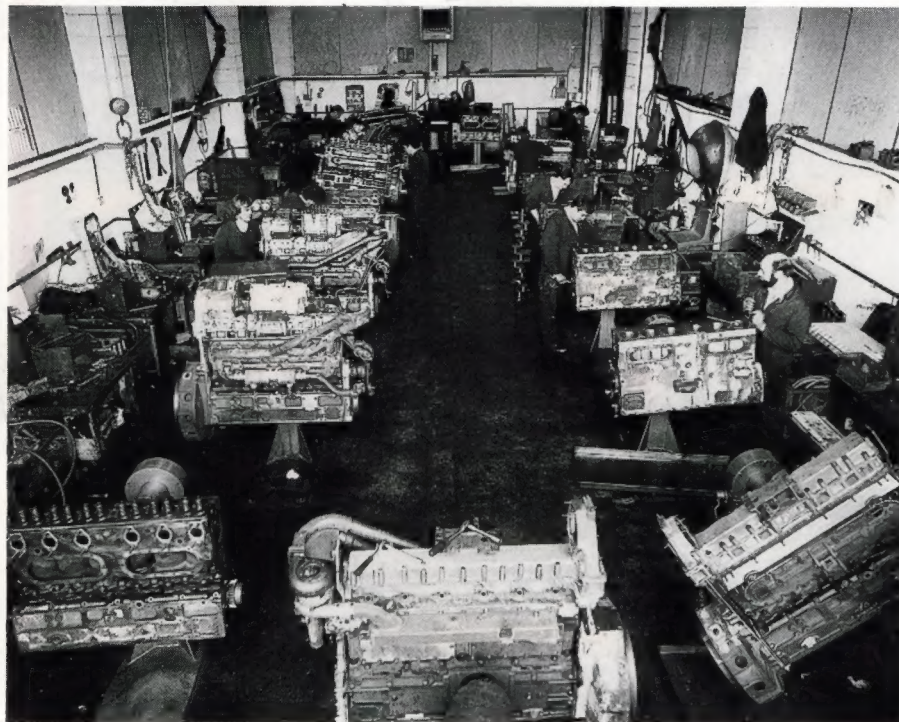
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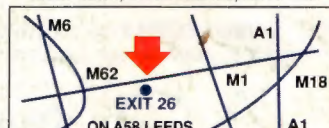
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